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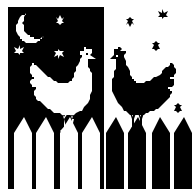
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week's trading was trending higher in the West, irregular elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady at best, but firm in the West. Retail demand was slow and unaggressive to fair, best for features, with mixed results for first of the month. Food service was mostly moderate, best into fast food channels. Supplies were at least adequate with heavier weights more available. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate and available with wings fully sufficient and discounted to entice interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, mostly desirable, but at times heavier than desired.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02/05-02/10/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		WTD AVG	COMPOSITE LOADS
	MAJORITY	RANGE		
	Delivered to First Receivers			
Chicago	47.00-51.00	35.00-64.25	49.66	26
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	50.00-52.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.50-63.00	44.00-65.00	62.14	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
601	58.30-63.00	61.51
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	141.00	4,350
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	1,080
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.50	515
LEG QUARTERS	23.00	8,163
WINGS	91.50	2,746

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of additional Wogs readily available, whole birds sufficient for a limited and nonaggressive trade interest. Demand into all sectors was light to moderate at best with most operations noting typical Friday movement. Floor stocks were adequate to long with weights desirable to heavy. Offerings of parts items were irregular, mostly light to moderate for the very light trade needs. Supplies of wings, boneless/skinless breasts and leg quarters were fully adequate with all other items balanced to tight. The trade sentiment was fully steady on bone-in breasts, barely steady to weak on wings and boneless/skinless breasts, and about steady on the balance.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly, but was generally no better than moderate overall. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and heavier birds were at least adequate to available, however, the 3 pound and smaller sizes were in the more balanced to adequate position. The market tone was fully steady on the smaller sizes, barely steady on the heavier weights. Movement into retail and distributive channels was mostly light to no better than fair. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breasts were more than sufficient, and bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat parts were readily available, and wings remained fully adequate with discounting noted.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher than last Friday. Trading for next week's deliveries higher on regular commitments with new negotiations steady at best. Offerings were ample. Buyer's interest was only fair as they watched further market developments. Retailer demand was light to moderate by stores best where featured, restaurants moderate. Dealers anticipated moderate to heavier than desired weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was barely steady on parts with breasts and wings in the weakest position. Ads noted - Southern California: whole body 57-69, leg quarters 10# bags 290-490, whole legs 129, wings 129, thighs 59-129 (IQF 4# bag 299), drumsticks 59-129 (5# bag 245, IQF 4# bag 299), split breasts 88-159, boneless breasts 177-258 (IQF - 4# bag 899 and 40 oz 598), boneless leg meat 99-119; Northern California: whole cut-up 129, leg quarters 10# bag 290, wings 109-119, split breasts 229-249, boneless breasts 399-499 (IQF 4# bag 796); Denver: whole cut-up 49-129, boneless breasts 199 (IQF 4# bag 899), drumsticks 99 (IQF 4# bag 299, thighs 99 (IQF 4# bag 299); Arizona: whole body 49-129, leg quarters 52-69, drumsticks 52-69, thighs 52-69, boneless breasts 179.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was slow to fair with mixed opinions for first of the month, but mostly little optimism. Food service was better, especially into fast food for promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings continued to increase in availability, but not interest. Breast items were balanced and moving, and dark meat was adequate to well cleared for thigh meat. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds improved slightly entering the weekend, but was still noted as unaggressive and below first of the month expectations. Offerings varied on the 2.5 and 3 pound sizes from well cleared to fully adequate; heavier weights were fully adequate to ample and competitively priced in an effort to stimulate buyer interest. Live supplies were about moderate; weights varied, and were often heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, all items were adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A		
RANGE		49-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		55.67
NO. OF BOXES		9,714
CUMULATIVE	01/29/01-02/02/01	55.19
	01/31/00-02/04/00	52.71
NO. OF BOXES	01/29/01-02/02/01	50,093
	01/31/00-02/04/00	39,051

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

FEBRUARY 01, 2001

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEBRUARY 02, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG	POUNDS				WEEKLY WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		
BREAST - B/S	980	125.00-220.00	135-140	145.44		890	120.00-215.00	135-140	137.79	4,614
TENDERLOINS	168	127.00-200.00	135-140	149.40		182	127.00-200.00	135-140	143.74	880
BREAST - LINE RUN	FEW TO REPORT					80	66.00-72.00	-	70.64	506
FRONT HALVES	88	61.00-69.00	-	65.00		TOO FEW TO REPORT				460
LEGS	128	27.00-40.00	28-30	28.75		128	27.00-40.00	28-30	28.75	805
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	680	16.50-19.50	17-19	18.24		720	16.00-19.50	18-19	18.11	3,271
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,656	18.50-24.00	21-22	22.12		1,536	18.50-24.00	21-23	22.38	9,807
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	90.00-97.00	92-94	93.79		305	90.00-97.00	93-95	93.79	1,199
WINGS (CUT)	544	87.00-120.00	99-101	105.78		644	87.00-119.00	99-103	104.60	3,106
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				81
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				190
B/S THIGHS	111	83.00-95.00	-	88.41		82	78.00-89.00	-	83.63	497

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.75 - 44.25	41.62	38.50 - 42.75	40.81	40.27

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest increased entering the weekend, but was generally moderate at best. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate to available at times, and bone-in breasts were usually sufficient. Dark meat parts were more than adequate, and wings were fully adequate and available at discounted levels. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was steady at best on bone-in breasts, barely steady on boneless-skinless breasts, weak on wings, and about steady on the balance.

ICE PKD B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRKLT & TRKLT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	02/01/01	CURRENT NEG	WTD	02/02/01	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	139.71	465,040	135	137.51	601,080	137.59	2,957,260
TENDERLOINS	130-135	132.68	157,595	130-135	132.51	76,200	133.87	555,612
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	73.85	240,160	68-69	74.03	227,160	73.70	1,235,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	70.73	134,000	68	71.30	158,000	70.52	836,000
LEGS	32-33	34.99	196,960	32-33	34.62	214,400	34.92	1,057,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.65	366,166	20-21	20.77	360,066	20.35	2,256,420
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	31.88	191,310	27-28	31.96	158,900	32.43	834,860
THIGHS	29-30	33.05	154,330	29-30	32.84	115,770	32.80	802,210
B/S THIGHS	83-84	87.16	45,960	83-84	86.50	49,280	86.35	240,610
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	98.45	234,880	87-88	95.24	297,630	97.31	1,397,300
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	81,360	10-12	12.14	35,680	12.06	342,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.50	41,080	30-35	34.80	24,840	33.37	181,250
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.01	104,120	40-45	41.29	42,640	45.86	465,830

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG)* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	02/02	02/01	01/31	01/30	01/31	01/30	01/26	01/24
ALA	3,658	3,824	3,368	3,749	5.09	5.02	3,519	5.07
ARK	5,450	5,277	5,138	5,174	4.87	4.89	4,959	4.81
DELMARVA	2,202	2,276	2,245	2,270	4.91	5.04	2,231	4.91
KY-LA-TN	1,724	1,856	1,872	1,935	4.52	4.52	1,877	4.47
MISS	2,796	2,700	2,577	2,678	5.00	5.02	2,897	5.00
NC	2,570	2,377	2,505	2,442	5.76	5.90	2,747	5.65
TEXAS	2,261	2,261	2,272	2,266	4.77	4.88	2,516	4.78
TOTAL	20,661	20,571	19,977	20,514	5.00	5.03	20,746	4.96
MON-FRI103,609(A)							102,097(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Feb 01 and 3-Feb-01 is estimated to be 30,911,000 down 0.84 percent from a week ago and down 16.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 37,178,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 03-Feb-01 is estimated to be 149,476,000 head down 4.7

percent from a week ago, and down 7.0 percent from a year ago

(Last week 156,803,000 Last year 160,713,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A.
AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-106
DRY PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	105-112
ICE PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	98
ICE PACK	94
DRY PACK	152-166
DUCKS	

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Jan 20, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	33,113	28,681	41,586
Avg Weight	3.80	4.56	6.10
% of total /1	32%	28%	40%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	37,338	20,249	51,280
Avg Weight	3.81	4.76	6.01
% of total /1	34%	19%	47%
Same week, yr ago /2	36,528	27,225	31,625
Avg Weight	3.81	4.81	6.23
% of total /1	38%	29%	33%
To date/2001	97,655	75,337	139,121
To date/2000	93,118	92,273	121,702

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 27-Jan-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	156,803(A)	2,032	1,353	3,385	480
AVG WT	4.97	3.56	7.75	5.24	6.58
LAST WEEK	149,911	1,787	1,376	3,163	511
SAME WEEK YR AGO	144,385	2,083	1,222	3,305	517
AVG WT	4.89	3.34	7.72	4.96	6.63
TO-DATE/2001	590,737	7,151	4,746	11,897	1,915
TO-DATE/2000	604,331	8,269	5,360	13,629	2,031

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.7 million head or 6.4 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JAN 30, 2001

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 -.82	Silkie	4.00 -5.50ea
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 -.84	Pigeons	2.50 -3.20ea
Pekin Ducks	.40 -.52	White Pigeons	2.75 -3.00ea
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 -.64	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.10 -1.54
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 -.94	Rabbits 7-11 LBS	1.00 -1.20
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 -.98	Bunnies	1.50 -7.00ea
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.60 -1.20	Guinea Pigs	.25 -2.00ea
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 -.96	Goats	40.00- 5.00ea
Guinea Fowl	1.20 -1.55	Kid Goats	10.00-32.00ea
Banty Roosters	3.00 -6.00ea	Doves	3.50- 5.00ea
Banty Hens	2.50 -4.00ea	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60- .84
Leghorn Hens	.20 -.34		
Leghorn Roosters	.40 -.52	Total Coops Sold	488

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 29-JAN-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	63-64
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83 68-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was fair. Sizes were in the desirable range. Slaughter schedules were generally full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.35, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 29-JAN-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER	23 150.1	141.3	106	5.14
	30 117.9	137.1	86	4.87
JANUARY	6 126.8	139.4	91	5.17
	13 159.1	147.6	108	5.09
	20 151.7	151.9	100	5.07
	27 158.7	152.3	104	4.97
YEAR TO DATE	597.9	591.2	101	
FEBRUARY	3	152.7		
FEBRUARY	10	149.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	02/03/01	01/27/01	% CHG	02/05/00	% CHG
Broilers	149,476	156,803*	-05	160,713*	-07
Cattle	629	667	-06	695*	-09
Hogs	1,883	1,923	-02	1,863*	+01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were unchanged on light canners. However, majority prices on heavy canners were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Trading was fair for a demand that ranged from moderate to good. Offerings in a few locations were slightly more available but product was still clearing. Supplies were irregular but usually sufficient for trade requirements. Undertone was usually steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-24.5 MAJORITY	35-38 MAJORITY 36-37

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-26 MAJORITY	37-40.5 MAJORITY 38-39

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings. Interest for finished product was clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slowing. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices remain unchanged. Offerings ample for the fair demand. Rendering facilities continue to absorb excess spent fowl as processor schedules run full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for about adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was about steady to steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was only steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants generally worked full schedules. Offerings overall exceeded available line time.

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